IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gotthard SCHLEICHER

Appl. No.: **NEW** Group:

Filed: June 27, 2003 Examiner:

For: SUPPLY UNIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

June 27, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The supply unit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the detection and the power supply are effected exclusively via the supply terminals.